

Domestic Articles.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

In the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, during the late session of the Legislature, the following Report was made

Mr. SPEAKER: The committee appointed to examine that part of the Governor's message relating to the family of the late Thomas Jefferson, have accomplished their task with sensations of pleasure, not unmingled with melancholy reflections. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, who is there but must experience such feelings when he recollects that Thomas Jefferson died in poverty? True, no funeral pomp has been spread, and an universal mourning has borne testimony to the gratitude of America. But if honors like these, were all that was necessary to testify our veneration for such of our illustrious patriots as preceded him in the path of death, and for John Adams, who closed his career on the same day, it is because *their* families were not, as *his* has been left destitute. The American People have already shown that, although Republican, they are not ungrateful; it is but late that the Guest of the Nation, as he traversed the whole extent of our vast Confederacy, was every where hailed with acclamations of gratitude, & departed from our shores loaded with the generous tributes of national munificence. Is it not then to be regretted that one of the founders of our independence; one of the authors of those liberal institutions which are the envy of so many nations; one of those who most contributed to the consolidation of our social edifice; that this man should have bequeathed no other legacy to his family but his own venerated name? This illustrious citizen has a claim upon the gratitude of every State in the Union; but Louisiana, in particular, has a debt of her own to pay. She will never forget, that it was he who rescued her from a state of colonial vassalage, and united her to the American Republic; & while we regret, that South Carolina has anticipated us, in our generous purpose, let us hasten to follow an example which we should have given.

Your Committee beg leave respectfully to submit the following bill,

F. GARDERE, *Chairman.*

The bill referred to in this report became a law, of which we have been favored with the following official transcript:

AN ACT offering a Tribute of Gratitude to the Family of the late Thomas Jefferson.

Whereas, after a life devoted to the service of his country, and that of the whole human race, THOMAS JEFFERSON died, leaving to his children no inheritance, save the example of his virtues, and the gratitude of the People whose independence he had proclaimed to the world in language worthy the Representatives of a great nation: and whereas the Legislature of Louisiana, a State acquired to the Union by his wisdom and foresight, in grateful remembrance of the illustrious citizen to whom they are indebted for the blessings of political and civil liberty, wish to perpetuate to the latest posterity the memory of their deep sense of the unrivalled talents and virtues of their benefactor: Therefore,

Section 1st. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened,* That the sum of \$10,000 in stock shall be forwarded by the Governor to THOMAS JEFFERSON RANDOLPH, in trust for his mother, MARTHA RANDOLPH, and her heirs.

Section 2d. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the payment of the said stock, the Governor shall execute, in the name of the State, one or more bonds, transferable by delivery, bearing an interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable yearly, and redeemable in ten years, or sooner, if so determined by the Legislature.

OCT. LA. BRANCHE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

AD. BEAUVAIS,

President of the Senate.

Approved: March 16th, 1827.

H. JOHNSON,

Governor of the State of Louisiana.